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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L.

News dispatches state that all dimes now in circulation are to be withdrawn and to replace them, a brand new ten cent piece is being minted bearing the likeness of our late president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Only three presidents in our history have been honored by having a bas relief of their faces impressed upon U. S. coins. These were Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. We have no comment to make on this matter, save to remark that it appears to us that the mint master is about two jumps ahead of the historian.

Gerald K. Smith, rowdy leader of "America First," has been ejected from the Mark Hopkins Hotel, "high atop Nob Hill." We are just sorry as can be that the hotel does not stand on a bluff so that the ejection could have been national instead of local.

We don't believe that the effort of the OWI to feed the German people prepared mental pabulum to cure their chronic bestiality will succeed. We have had a lot of it administered to us during this war in castor oil doses. It may have been good for us but we didn't like it, and mighty few have been fooled by it. And, we always knew that the time was coming when we would get undoctored news. We are not, of course, concerned with the queasy stomaches of a super nation which has taken the count. We are just concerned with the results.

While we are demanding freedom of news across all boundaries, let us not begin the peace by filtering and refining the news for the beaten Germans. Let them have it in all its democratic variety, so far as we are concerned, and let the stresses we impose on the phipped foe, be physical stresses, not mental. If the Russians choose to filter and doctor the news for their German zone, it is all right with us, but we submit, that Germans, in order to recover that civilization which they threw away in a fit of national insanity, must have the unadulterated news of the world in order recreate a sane existense. The trouble with Germany for the las 15 or 20 years has been that Hitler doctored its news to suit his purposes. Let us not resume this practice in hope of bringing a millenium to Germany. Propaganda is still propaganda. Nothing can make it pure.

Most of us are vitally interested in things nearest us. Changes are slowly taking form in Nevada County. Brig. Gen. Oscar B. Abbott appeals to the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce for a day nursery to care for the young children of the mothers working in Camp Beale and DeWitt General Hospital, for new housing to shelter workers in these two great institutions war has brought to this neighborhood, for a renting bureau to serve those who need temporary homes, and for, at least, one night a week of open shops, for the same workers. This applies, we rise to remark, to Nevada City as well as Grass Valley.

We have a capably staffed chamber of commerce in Nevada City, we believe, which is just as "quick on the uptake" as any chamber. What is needed to make it tick, is the active, hustling support of its membership. We have the machinery for creating a free rental bureau, a day nursery, for obtaining authority for erecting new buildings, and for obtaining an agreement for a one-night a-week open shops. But the chamber membership will have to step on the gas throttle and use an oil can, to start the machinery.

Still close to home, is the Nevada City Airport. It belongs to all of us, and has cost a tidy sum of money over the years. Air travel, give it time, will do most of the long haul passenger business in the U. S. A. The automobile will always do the short haul business. Do we, or don't we, want a branch feeder line for commercial air business established at our airport?

A good many people in days to come are going to select a homesite in such place as Nevada City, and if the facilities are here, commute by air, either by public or by private in such places as Nevada City and if Sacramento, San Francisco, or wherever their business is. In fact, Errol MacBoyle was doing quite a bit of commuting by air when the war came along.

A useable airfield, with a little, relatively little, money spent on it, would not only bring tourists, home seekers, and commuters, it would also bring us much faster mails. It would do a thousand small services in merchandising for us. It would bind us up with this great pulsing country of ours and make us a part of it, as we will never be if we are content to live in an isolated backwater, cut off from the world because of lack of modern communications.

We don't really think that will happen. A community that had the spunk and get-up-and-git two generations ago to build a railroad into this region, will somehow manage to have an up-to-date airfield.

PSYCHOLOGISTS TELL HOW TO AVOID WARS

BERKELEY, May 21 — Wars, which are built and not born in men, can be avoided, declare 13 psychologists of the nation who have formulated 10 principles of human nature necesasry for an enduring peace. Neglect of these principles, they add may breed new wars, no matter how well intentioned political leaders may be.

Along with his 12 associates E. C. Tolman, professor of psychology says no race, nation or social group is inevitably warlike. The frustrations and conflicting interests which lie at the root of aggressive wars can be reduced and redirected by social engineering; hatreds can be controlled by training and education; root desires of the common peoples of all lands are the safest guides to framing a peace.

Other principles necessary in drafting the blueprints for peace, the psychologists state are: the coming generations should be the primary focus of attention in planning peace; condescension toward "inferior" groups destroys chances for lasting peace; liberated and enemy peoples must participate in planning their own destiny; confusion of defeated people will call for clarity and consistency in the application of rewards and punishments; relief and rehabilitatoin can lead to self-reliance and cooperation if properly administered; trend of human relationships is toward ever wider units of collective security; and commitments now may prevent yost war apathy and reaction.

More than 2000 psychologists and other educators have underwritten the ten principles, including 24 on the Berkeley campus.

STOCKTON NAVY SUPPLY BASE TO EMPLOY 400

The colossal expansion of the service of supply of the Navy, is epitomized in the construction and operation of what may become one of the world's largest inland naval supply depots, the supply annex, Stockton. This permanent naval installation will service the fleet and advanced bases throughout the Pacific under the direction of Capt. W. T. Ross, SC,USN, as officer in charge. Here some 400 persons, including officers, enlisted personnel and civilians will work consistently toward the ultimate end—to the keeping of millions of tons of vital navy equipment on the move.

On June 30, the naval supply annex, Rough and Ready Island, Stockton, will be commissioned by formal ceremony. The tempo of the Pacific war has been increased to such a degree that in order to keep its plodge to the fleet and advanced bases, operations at the annex is rapidly increasing to its full measure. There can be no let up in the flow of supplies—the operations of the annex.

SCOUT CAMPOREE HELD AT LAKE OLYMPIA

The Tahoe area council camporee took place Saturday and Sunday at Lake Olympia as was expected by the camping and activities committee, Harry Poole of Grass Valley camporee chief, 250 scouts from Placer, Nevada and western Sierra counties were in attendance. Scouts checked in Saturday afternoon and make their camp until yesterday afternoon when closing ecermonies were marked by presentation of patrol camporee ribbons by Judge Lowell L. Sparks, council president. He was assisted by Gilbert Tennis, Grass Valley superintendent of schools and district scout chairman, and Harry Poole, district commissoiner. Judges were headed by Harlow Wood, U. S. forestry service, Nevada City.

The public and all friends of scouting accepted a cordial invitation to visit the camporee to see what the scouts are doing in this activity which calls for good patrol organiztion, preparation of menus, packs, campsite and equpiment. It was a test of boy leadership ability.

The evening camp fire program was under the general leadership of Lloyd M. Geist, Nevada City district commissioner, and brought some outstanding entertainment to scouts, scouters and visitors. In keeping with the 12th scout law, "A scout is reverent," camp services were conducted on the grounds for Protestant scouts by Rev. Cedric S. Porter, and mass will be celebrated for boys and leaders of Catholic faith.

Seventh War Loan Cooperation—Cubs, scouts and leaders have been asked to cooperate with their local 7th War Loan chairman to have the scouts sgin up prospects for war bonds. If 90 per cent of any unit pledges to get their parents and friends to buy a bond they fill out the form sent to all leaders and may qualify for the mine Minute Man flag through the local scout office. Leaders have been advised of this through the council bulletin.

World Friendship Fund—To rehabilitate scouting in the stricken lands a voluntary raising of funds can now be carried on by all scouts units and turned in to the scout office for transmittal to the treasurer of the Boy Scouts of America. Already scouting is getting hold again in the Philippines, France, Holland and other lands where it was obliterated by the nazi forces. Even while their lands wer subjugated, scouts and leaders carried on in underground organizations to assist their countries cause. This world friendship fund participation by cubs, scouts and senior scouts in America is entirely voluntary but is truly worthy. It will go to help those scouts in other lands to get handbooks, parts of uniforms, equipment, etc.

MIGHTY SEVENTH WAR LOAN DRIVE IS STEPPED UP

Spurred on by enthusiastic public reaction during the opening days of the campaign, Northern California's "Mighty Seventh" war loan drive is moving head at a steady pace, but drive leaders have warned that the tempo must be stepped up if quotas are to be reached.

Reports from war bond chairmen in every county and community show that every effort is being made to reach every man, woman and child, in a tremendous campaign to put th edrive "over the top."

How extensive this effort is indicated by the efforts being made in the banking, investment and life unwriters divisions.

Carl F. Wente, chairman of the banking division of the northern California war finance committee, announces that all banks in the northern part of the state have accepted sales quotas equal to 11 per cent of their total deposits—4 per cent in sale of E bonds, 3 per cent in sales of other securities to individulals and 4 per cent in sales to corporations.

In the investment division, C. R. Blyth, chairman has called upon all security salesmen to sell bonds to the amount of $25,000 per man, plus ten transactions of at least $500 each. Local chairmen to head this effort have been appointed in all leading northern California cities.

BURGLARY TRIAL ANTIQUES ARE UNCLAIMED

No one has yet appeared to claim the antique glass and china ware, offered in evidence for the prosecution in the recent trial of Sgt. Charles Wirkkala, Mrs. Marlyn Delano and Mrs. Mary Blount, all of Grass Valley, who were acquitted of committing burglary on the vacant house of the Edith Pascoe estate on Shaw's Hill.

Despite the value of the purported antiques, Mrs. Dorothy Pascoe, complaining witness, whose husband is an heir to the estate, has not yet claimed them. District Attorney H. Ward Sheldon stated that they were still in custody of Ralph Deeble clerk of the court, and that he was not prepared as yet to recommend to the court the return of the antiques to the owners, due to doubt as to legal ownership of some of the pieces. Not all of the pieces collected by the sheriff in his search of the homes of Mrs. Delano and Mrs. Blount were identified as belonging to the Pascoe estate. There were three or four maverick items upon which no one seemed willing to bestow a glance of recognition.

The sheriff's office states that Mrs. Delano's house was not entered under a search warrant, as had been reported. The sheriff and Mrs. Dorothy Pascoe, after a search warrant inspection of Mrs. Blount's home, knocked at Mrs. Delano's door and the sheriff told her he had no search warrant, but could get one if necessary. Mrs. Delano intimated it was unnecessary and immediately showed him the laundry basket of antiques which had been left mysteriously in her back door four nights previously. This was in the evidence at the trial of the three on burglary charges, and of which all three wer acquitted.

County Clerw R. N. McCormack stated that no one will ge that basket of antiques without an order of the court.

TWO BEARS ATE TOO MUCH HONEY

A bear, weighing 300 pounds, was brought to Nevada City Saturday by County Trapper Frank Hansen. He caught bruin in a trap above North Bloomfield early in the morning.

The bear, a male, had been raiding an apiary at intervals for several weeks past and Hansen had been called in to put an end to his forays.

During the week, O. D. Stahlschmidt, apiarist of Gold Flat, adjoining this city, killed a 150 pound cub which had upset several hives of bees in his yard. Stahlschmidt reported that he found the bear on Banner Ridge where he had transferred several bee colonies to feed on flowers pasture in that vicinity. A single rifle shot killed the animal. The carcass was dressed and the meat given to the Nevada County Hospital here.

Grand Worthy Matron Will Be Welcomed

Aurora Chapter, OES, will be hostess this evening to Grand Worthy Matron Lillian W. Podesta of San Francisco when she makes her official visit to Evangeline Chapter of Nevada City and Aurora Chapter in joint session in Grass Valley.

Officers of the two chapters will be in charge, Matron Louise Polglase and Patron Albert Polglase of Nevada City, and Matron Francis Sleep and Patron Walter Wieger of Grass Valley, Pauline Matteson has prepared a program of entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clarke of Nor. Bloomfield spent Tuesday in Nevada Cjty.

Mrs. Violet Chapman left recently for Salt Lake City where she will make her home with relatives.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA HONORS SEVEN NEVADANS

Seven Nevadans or former Nevadans received honorary degrees at the 55th annual commencement exercises at the University of Nevada on Monday, May 14.

The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Major Max C. Fleischmann, Nevada philanthropist; Anne Henrietta Martin, educator and civic leader; Brewster Adams, Reno clergyman; and Patrick A. McCarren, senior United States senator from Nevada.

The honorary master of science degree was awarded to Donald R. Warren, of California, designer of many of the important engineering works in the far west; Robert A. Allen, Nevada state highway engineer; and Royce Hardy, Nevada mining engineer.

In conferring the degrees, President John O. Moseley pointed out the contributions of the recipients to the life of the state and their services to their fellowmen.

The degrees were awarded along with those given to fifty young men and young women, members of the regular graduating class of the institution.

Major Fleischmann of Glenbrook is one of Nevada's leading philanthropists. Several educational and civic organizations in the state have benefited from his generosity, including the Boy Scouts, the Nevada State museum and the University of Nevada.

Many students at Nevada owe their education to the help given them through scholarships established by Fleischmann. In keeping with his interest in agriculture as a Nevada ranch owner, he recently gave the university a dairy farm located south of Reno.

He is director general of the Nevada state museum and a member of the Nevada area council of the Boy Scouts, as well as of the national council of that organization.

While Fleischmann has retired from active business, he still serves as chairman of the finance committee of Standard Brands, Inc., which includes the Fleischmann company, nationally known manufacturers, which he and his father and brothers built up and with which he has been associated since his youth.

He is also chairman of the adcisory committee of the Security National Bank of Reno, and has been connected with the governing boards of many national corporations.

Born in Ohio, Fleischmann was educated in the public schools and at Ohio Military Institute. He served as a cavalry officer in the Spanish American war and as an air service officer in World War I.

Among the nation's early aviation enthusiasts Fleischmann won the Lahm cup in 1909 for a balloon flight from St. Louis to the Atlantic.

An explorer and big game hunter, he has gone on expeditions in many parts of the world. He is the author of a book on big game hunting.

He is a member of many civic, social and scientific organizations, including the Royal Geographic Society of Great Britain, of which he is a fellow, and the Explorer's Club.

Anne Henrietta Martin of Reno is a leader in education, civic affairs, peace movements, and women's suffrage.

She organized and conducted the campaign which won suffrage for Nevada women, and later was candidate for the U. S. senatorship from Nevada.

Miss Martin has been a delegate to a number of world peace congresses of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and is a member of the board of governors of the post war world peace council.

Born in Empire City, Nevada, she is a daughter of pioneering who settled in the state in the 1860's. Her father, W. O. Martin, founded a number of the leading business establishments in Reno.

A graduate of the University of Nevada, Miss Martin was a member of its faculty for several years. She also holds degrees from Stanfard university and his studied at Columbia university and the universities of London and Leipzig.

Miss Martin took part in the early British suffrage movement. She was the first national chairman of the national women's party in this country.

The federal Shepard-Towner act for the protection of maturnity and infancy was initiated by Miss Martin.

She is the author of many magagine articles.

Brewster Adams is known for his civic work throughout Nevada. He has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church or Reno for more than 35 years and is a leader in the church nationally.

During recent years he has written a weekly column for the Nevada State Journal, Reno morning daily.

Some time ago he was candidate for the republican nomination for U. S. senator from Nevada.

Born in New York state, he was graduafed from the university of Rochester with bachelor of arts and bachelor of divinity degrees. He was pastor of the Mariner's Temple in New York City and resident in the university settlement before coming to Reno in 1910.

CROP PROSPECT IN STATE GOOD

A round up of opinion among the leading agriculturists who are members of the Sacramento Valley Council of the California state chamber of commerce indicates that with the possible exception of one or two crops, prospects are good for an abundant harvest in this region.

Among those who have commented are:

George E. Lodi, Arbuckle—It is doubtful if the rice harvest will be much, if any, greater than last year, but indications are that last year's bumper production will be qualley. The barley crop may be smaller in some regions because of nearly heat which has tended to check the filling out of heads.

Howard H. Harter, Yuba City—The peach harvest will be as large as last year.

Col. F. T. Robson, Vina — The prune crop will be the same as last year in some areas, but heavier in other earas, such as Colusa county, where French prune production probably will be heavier than last year although the imperial pruns crop may not show much gain.

Lester J. Holmes, Clarksburg—Prospects are that beet sugar production will increase forty per cent over last year.

B. T. Mathews, Arbuckle—First indications are that the almond crop will be sixty to sixty five per cent of last year's production. This is normal in view of the extra large crop last year.

Joseph Glick, Corning—The heavy bloom on olive trees points toward another banner olive crop.

Grove Dye, Sacramento, fruit shipper—On the basis of preliminary considerations, the prospects for the fruesh fruit crop can be said to be good.

Dr. George Hart, College of Agriculture, Davis—The prospects are that there will be plenty of feed on the ranges. Dairy herds are increasing and there is a downward movement in the number of beer cottle.

Nevada University Scholarship Awarded Mary Libbey

Scholarships and prizes totalling approximately $7000 were presented to 49 students at the University of Nevada commencement exercises on Monday, May 14. Dr. Harold N. Brown, chairman of the schlarship and prize committee made the wards.

Among those honored was Mary Libbey of Nevada City, majoring in arts and sciences, who won the emporium of music scholarship, an award of $100 to an outstanding student in the department of music as determined by that department.

Albert Parker is Borne to Rest

The remains of Albert Parker, for two years a patient in a local hospital, were laid to rest Saturday in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

The services was held in the Holmes Funeral Home and were conducted by Rev. Cedric Porter. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

The deceased was 89 years of age and had been a miner practically all his life. He was born in Norfork, Virginia. He had no immediate relatives in California.

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NEW ERA

For the some fifteen years that Brevits has been published, it has never been the policy of its editors to discuss politics or to become involved in the many ramifications which are bound to result from expressing a political opinion.

However, it does not seem to be inappropriate at this time to make a few general observations about the possibilities of a more realistic view on the part of our government as far as business enterprises is concerned.

We speak now of the almost forgotten theory that it does not do an honest citizen a great deal of harm to accumulate a bit of wealth. This is a concept that has been almost totally absent in government thinking for the past twelve years.

When we were younger, we could at least look forward to the possibility that an honest day's work would be rewarded by an honest day's pay, and it has been with a troubled mind that we have watched the developments of the past few years when we have had a new generation grow up under the influence of a planned economy in which a man with a pound of brains has been considered on a par with a man with an ounce of brains.

It seems to us that one of the greatest things that president Truman could do for the men and women who are fighting this war and who will run the country for the next twenty five years is to bring our government thinking back to the point where each and every citizen can at least hope that an honest effort will bring its just reward.

With all humility for the virtues of our late president who has undoubtedly established a great name for himself in the annals of history, let us go back to another great preeident who has worn well with the passage of years.

Abraham Lincoln said. "Prosperity is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; is a positive good in the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. Let not him who is homeless pull down the house of another, but let him labor diligently to build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence. I take it that it is best for all to leave each man free to acquire property as fast as he can. Some will get wealthy. I don't believe in a law to prevent a man from getting rich; it would do more harm than good."

While President Truman has not expressed his views in detail with respect to many subjects which will affece the future of America, we have a reasonably good idea that his thoughts and philosophies are in line with the concept upon which the country has become great—that is indeed a country of dynamic force and is the antithesis of those countries which have lost faith in the capitalistic system.

In our opinion, there is a good possibility that from here on in, we may experience a more down-to-earth philosophy with respect to the relationship between government and business. At least, it would seem to be a reasonable prospect that we shall have fewer untried schemes and panceas develop than has been evident for the past few years.

In any event, let us back our new president to the best of our ability and let us see if the next few years will not produce a new era on the basis of the accepted concept of a free enterprise systm.—Issued by Vance, Sanders and Company.

DEBUNKING THE POLL-TAX BUNK

(Note: This editorial from the Southern Planter, Richmond, Virginia, and oldest agricultural journal in America, has more to say and says it better than we can. Mr. Paul D. Saunders is editor of the Southern Planter.)

Self-preservation is the first attribuate of a politician. That is why the "machine" politicians in Virginia are frantically fighting repeal of the poll tax as a voting requirement. They have found in the poll tax their most useful tool for perpetuating their term of office. By disfranchising the vast majority of people and permitting only a pitiful minority to vote, a handful of office holders in every county, through the influence of "their sisters, their cousins, and their aunts," can swing almost any election. This is a vicious sort of thing in a democratic society.

The very fact that politicians are fighting poll tax repeal is ample evidence that they are afraid to face an unhampered electorate. None of them will admit this, however. Instead, they give as their excuse for opposing poll tax repeal, such bunk as "revenue from the poll tax goes to support the public schools," "the poll tax keeps the riff-raff from voting." "I disfranchises the Negro and guarantees white supremacy," "it insurces a sound fiscal policy for Virginia." Anyone remotely familiar with the problem knows that all of these arguments are bogus.

Divorce the poll tax from the right to vote, universally assess and collect it, and the tax will yield three times its present revenue for the schools. The so-called riff-raff, if they be defined as those who permit the poll taxes to be paid in a block by politicians and voted accordingly, can only vote under the present system; while many of our best citizens are being disqualified. The racial issue is pure demagogery. Of the 10,000,000 Americans who are unable to vote because of the poll taxes, at least 6,000,000 are white citizens. Less than a fourth of Virginia's total population is colored. North Carolina, with a much larger Negro population than Virginia, abolished the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting 25 years ago and that state is a shining example in the south of everything good in government for the common man, of both colors. And as far as sound fiscal policy is concerned, is there anyone who surely believes that Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Texas, the poll tax ctates, tha ptolled a total of 3,113,082 votes in the presidential election last fall, are operating under a sounder financial policy than the other 40 states of the Union that polled 44,856,706 votes, of 94 per cent of the total. The question is as riduclous as the arguments that promote it.

The whole argument in favor of the poli tax is a foil, a smoke screen to hide the ugly fact that the politicians, now in power, want a small electorate that can be controlled by the officeholders. The poll tax as a voting requirement in Virginia is doomed just as surely as day follows darkness. And the quicker it passes, the better it will be for all the people.

CARS DECREASE ON NATION'S HIGHWAYS

By Ralph H. Taylor

At the start of the war, there were 27 million motor vehicles—including trucks, busses and automobiles—in America's transportation system, exclusive of war equipment.

At the end of 1944, according to the Federal Bureau of Roads, the number had dropped to 24 million.

And motor equipment is now disappearing from the highways at the rate of more than 4000 vehicles per day, with the rate still rising sharply, as worn out equipment is sent to the junkyard in rapidly increasing ratio.

The seriousness of the situation is pointed up by a recent statement of the Brookings Institution, one of the nation's foremost research agencies, in Washington, D. C., declaring that the barest minimum domestic requirements to keep America's transportation system from serious breakdown are 20 million vehicles.

California farmers, because their operations are so dependent on automotive equipment, need to take warning that there is the threat of a serious transportation breakdown, unless every motor vehicle owner does his utmost to assure the conservation of all vehicles and equipment.

The urgent need for conservation applies not only to vehicles, but also to automotive equipment—particularly tires and batteries.

The minimum tire production (for civilian purposes) should be 2,000,000 per month, according to the National Automobile Association, whereas, the actual production is only 800,000 per month.

The shortage of lead for batteries is so serious that the production of batteries was limited to 60 per cent of pre war, but later, because of the impossibility of keeping necessary transportation running under such rigid restrictions, manufacturers were permitted to step up production to 75 per cent of normal, thus cutting further into an all too limited stock pile.

The tire problem, it appears, is not so much due to lack of rubber—although even that is short for heavy duty tires in which a portion of natural rubber must be mixed—but is mainly due to a shortage of fabric and lampblack, and lack of artisans to do the manufacturing.

Farmers particularly should beware of false optimism as to the early availability of new motor vehicle equipment, resulting from rash forecasts and favorable progress in the war.

The public has been led to believe that within two months after conclusion of the European war the manufacturers would begin on the production of motor vehicles for civilian use. Actually, such an early starting date is highly improbable, if not impossible—but even when production for civilian needs does begin, it will be on a limited scale until Japan is defeated.

Farm people should be hard headed realists on this subject, if they want to avert the disaster of being caught without equipment to get their produce to market, or to regularly established rail and truck transportation facilities.

There is every likelihood that it will be years—at least three or four years—before worn out vehicles can be replaced and the threat of a breakdown in transportation facilities can be eliminated.

Looking at the facts bluntly, the average automobile is now eight years old, and the stock pile of reserve cars is gone.

Tens of thousands of trucks, still in operation, are in such a bad state of disrepair that they are literally falling apart.

Added to that dismal picture is the fact that the end of the European war, instead of bringing relief to the Pacific Coast, will clog rail, truck and steamship facillties with war equipment being rushed to the Pacific theatre—with the result that California farmers may have to rely on their own equipment more than at any other time since the outbreak of war, if they expect to market their produce.

When you look at the old family automobile, or that battered old truck that you had hoped to trade in soon for a new model, don't be disdainful; see that they get the repairs and the careful use they need—because they may still be doing heavy duty three years from now. See that the battery has water, that the tires are properly inflated—and keep your speed down, if you want to keep rolling. That's the advice of the ODT—and it's sound advice every farmer should heed.

STORING WINTER WOOLENS

As a forcible reminder that winter woolens should be laundered as soon as the need for them has passed, and that they should be put away and sealed immedaitely afterward. An expert points out that moth life encounters greater difficulties in existing in freshly laundered garments. In using moth repellents, use onugh and store in a tightly sealed place so that fumes which are given off will be heavy enough to do a proper killing job.

Tahoe Forest Has Two Nutmeg Trees

The Tahoe forest claims the two largest nutmeg trees Tumion Californium, in the state of California. Can anybody beat this? In Section 12 of Township 14, North, Range 10 East, two nutmegs were measured having the following dimensions:

Diameter, breast height, 40.7 inches. Total height 97 feet.

Diameter, breast height 36.4 inches. Total height 96 feet.

Diameters were measured with a diameter tape, total height with an Abney level.

Famous last words: "These tires are just as safe as the day I bought 'em six years ago."

Friendship Fund to Aid Scouts Abroad

Through their World Friendship Fund nearly 2,000,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America—as well as every friend of Scouting—will have an opportunity to further the cause of world brotherhood. Every Cub and Scout will contribute whatever he wishes to help reorganize Scouting in allied countries devastated by the war

Miss Lorraine Harris Weds Sgt. Norman Carl

At a quiet wedding ceremony with just the families and a few close attending, Miss Lorraine Harris and Norman Carl were united in marriage Saturday night at the Methodist Church in Grass Valley. She was attended by her cousin Thelda Harris as bridesmaid and Charles Harris was the groomsman.

After the ceremony the newly married couple left for Pennsylvania to visit for several weeks with his relatives.

He has been overseas for many months and is now home on a 30 day furlough. The bride is employed as a beauty operator at Bowman Beauty Shop in Nevada City.

MOHTER'S DAY PROGRAM

Evangeline Chapter, OES, after their regular meeting Tuesday evening enjoyed a short program in honor of Mother's Day. Each mother was also presented with a corsage. Refreshments were served in the banquet room by Mrs. Lily Ann Eden and her committee.

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Because sugar stocks allocated in California to date are short of the original estimate, under which a maximum 15 pounds of sugar per capita was earmarked for home canning purposes, rationing quotas of home canning sugar in boards of the Sacramento district, OPA have been revised downward.

This statement was made today by V. J. MonteVerda, head of the rationing division for the Sacramento district.

"If mid season conditions permit" MonteVerda said "a second application for additional sugar for home canning will be authorized."

"Hundreds of citizens who have received less than the maximum 15 pounds of sugar for home canning purposes have kept our telephones busy." he continued.

"They have not received a certificate entitling them to 15 pounds because th sugar allotment, at present, does not warrant the issuance of this amount.

"Individual issuance of certificates for canning sugar," MonteVerda explained, "is based upon each applicant's showing of need and, in addition is limited in proportion to the amount of home canning sugar issued last year."

"Revised rationing order No. 3 from Washington, declares that no board may during 1945 issue to consumers more sugar for home canning for home use than 70 per cent of the total amount of sugar such board issued for home canning and preserving for home use in 1944."

Thus the local quotas are set by local boards in proportion to the amount of sugar issued last year for canning purposes and in accordance with the revised home canning rationing regulations.

There is sugar enough for home canning needs only if the sugar issued for home canning is used exclusively for that purpose.

Housewives should apply only for such sugar as they actually need in home canning and should use honey and corn syrup as sugar extenders wherever possible.

If everyone cooperates, no hardships should be experienced this season through a lack of sugar.

No. 4490
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of ELLA S. RAMSEY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned administratrix of the Estate of Ella S. Ramsey, deceased, will sell at private sale, to the highest bidder for cash and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, on Monday, the 21st day of May, 1945, at the hour of two o'clock P. M., or after said day, at the law offices of H. Ward Sheldon, and W. E. Wright, Union Building, Nevada City, Nevada County, California, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Ella S. Ramsey, deceased, at the time of her death, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has by operation of law or otherwise acquired other than or in addition to that of the said Ella S. Ramsey, at the time of her death, in and to that certain real and personal property, situate in the City of Nevada, County of Nevada, State of California, and particularly described as follows:

REAL PROPERTY

PARCEL ONE: That certain lot and building thereon, at 229 Broad Street, Nevada City, and being the westerly half of Lot 3, Block 16, as said Lot and Block are designated upon the official map of Nevada City, together with the Cafe and on sale business conducted thereon, together with all trade fixtures, furnishings, and equipment and stock in trade thereof.

PARCEL TWO: That certain lot at No. 114 Walrath Avenue, and residence thereon and all fixtures, furnishings and furiture therein and thereon, and being a part of Lot 3 in Block 44, as said Lot and Block are designated on the official map of Nevada City, described as follows: Said Lot being situated on the northerly side of said Walrath Avenue, the distance of 114 feet, more or less, and being distant easterly from Sacramento Street 175.55 feet, more or less; thence running Northeasterly 122.30 feet more or less to premises of the Nevada City High School; thence Southeasterly along the southerly line of said High School premises 114 feet, more or less; thence Southwesterly 120 feet, more or less, to said Walrath Avenue, and thence Northwesterly along the northerly side of said Walrath Avenue 114 feet, more or less, to place of beginning.

Bids or offers are invited separately or as a whole for said real and personal property, as described in said Parcel One and Parcel Two, and must be in writing, and will be received at the said law offices of H. Ward Sheldon and W. E. Wright, Union Building, Nevada City, California, attorneys for said administratrix, or may be filed with the Clerk of the said Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or delivered to the said administratrix personally, at any time after the first publication of this notice and before the making of said sale.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: Cash in lawful money of the United States of America to be paid on confirmation of sale by the said Superior Court; 10 per cent of purchase price to be deposited with bid, taxes and insurance premiums to be pro-rated as of date of delivery of administratrix's deed.

Dated May 2nd, 1945.

MYRTLE WHITNEY,
Administratrix of the Estate of Ella S. Ramsey, Deceased.

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A BELL *for* ADANO

By John Hersey

CHAPTER V

At this angry moment, Gargano, Chief of the Carabinieri, came up to the line. This man was called by the people The Man With Two Hands, because of his continuous and dramatic gesturing. He was, he seemed to think, an actor, and he could not say two words without gesturing with both hands. He possessed and exercised all the essentially Italian gestures: the two forefingers laid side by side, the circle of thumb and forefinger, the hands up in stop position, the salute to the forehead with palm forward, the fingertips of the two hands placed tip to tip, the fingers linked, the hands flat and downward as if patting sand, the hands up heel to heel and pulled toward the chest, the attitude of prayer, the pointing forefinger of accusation, the V as if for victory or smoking cigarettes, the forefinger on the chin, the rolling of the hands. All, he used them all.

When he approached the line, everyone thought that he was coming to restore order. There was a question in some people's minds whether he still had authority, but they did not feel that this was a good time to flout the question. It would be better to see first whether he made any arrests.

He did not make any arrests. He merely went up to Carmelina, wife of the lazy Fatta, and squeezed between her and the door of Zapulla's shop, and stood there. The people could see that he was merely taking his place at the head of the line to wait for bread.

Carmelina, who was annoyed by having had wood-coke thrown at her, said truculently: "Mister Gargano, you were Chief of the Carabinieri under the old regime, and that entitled you to stand at the head of the line. I am not sure that you are still Chief of the Carabinieri."

Gargano said: "I am the Chief," and he made a kind of Fascist salute with both hands.

Carmelina said: "I doubt it. Where is the proof?"

Gargano said: "See my uniform," and he ran his two forefingers from his shoulders to his knees.

Carmelina said: "That is no proof. The Americans do not care how we dress. I could dress as a rabbit and the Americans would not arrest me."

Gargano said: "Woman, stop your shouting, or I will arrest you," and he gripped his own left wrist with his own right hand, signifying arrest.

Carmelina said: "Where is your authority?"

Margherita the formidable wife of Craxi said: "I believe that this man is still Chief, since the Mister Major is keeping many Fascist scoundrels in office until they prove themselves bad. But I do not believe that under American law he has the right to go to the head of the line. That is where I think you are right, Carmelina."

Gargano said: "I have always come to the head of the line. I shall continue to do so," and he ran his forefinger along the length of the line until he came to the head, where he stood, then he pointed the finger at the ground.

Maria Carolina, the wife of the noisy cartman Afronti, who had once been arrested by Gargano, shouted: "You have no right, Two-Hands. The Americans would not permit it." This was the first time Gargano had ever been called Two-Hands to his face. He did not understand the reference.

Gargano stepped out of the line. "Who questions my right?" he roared, and he pounded one clenched fist on the other clenched fist.

Carmelina, wife of the lazy Fatta, standing right beside him, startled him by whispering in his ear: "I question it, Two-Hands."

Up to this time Zapulla the baker, standing in the front of his shop, had been torn between the two authorities, the old and the new. But he was so annoyed with Carmelina for having prodded him that he now said: "Arrest her, Mister Chief, if you have any courage."

Up to this time Gargano the Chief, somewhat unsure of his ground, had been trying to think of a way of retiring gracefully. But now his manhood, as well as his authority, was challenged. He moved toward Carmelina and said: "Woman, you are under arrest."

Carmelina shouted: "Keep your two active hands off me, Gargano."

Zapulla said: "Will you let this woman shriek down your courage?"

Gargano clapped his hands on Carmelina. She screamed. All up and down the line women shouted: "Out with the Fascist Chief of Carabinieri. Out with Two-Hands. Out with men who push themselves to the head of a line ahead of women who have been waiting three hours."

Gargano dragged Carmelina off screaming and kicking, and the anti-Gargano, anti-Fascist screams in the line grew louder and louder. Even Mercurio Salvatore, although as crier he was more or less an official and should have remained neutral or even taken the side of Gargano, raised his huge voice in a careful shout: "Down with injustice!"

When Gargano pulled Carmelina into Major Joppolo's office, she was still screaming. But the Major jumped to his feet and said sharply: "Silence, shrew," and she fell quiet at once.

"What is this all about?" the Major asked.

Gargano said: "This woman questioned my authority," and he pointed at her with both forefingers.

Carmelina said: "There is more to it than that."

Major Joppolo said: "Your authority to do what, Gargano?"

Carmelina shouted: "To push his way to the head of the line in front of Zapulla's bread shop."

Gargano said: "It is a privilege the officials of the town have always enjoyed."

Major Joppolo said: "Is that so?"

Gargano said: "I charge this woman with disturbing the peace and questioning authority." Gargano was shrewd in saying this, for he saw that things were going against him, and now he had put the matter on an official rather than a personal basis. The Major would have to decide the case officially.

The Major decided with a speed which dazzled Gargano. He decided that the woman was right but that he could not say so, because if he did the Chief would never regain his authority, and the Major wanted to keep him in office. Therefore he said: "I sentence this woman to one day in jail, suspended sentence. Let her go, Gargano, and gather all the officials of Adano for me at once."

When Carmelina got outside, she ran straight back to the bread shop. The bread was not ready yet, and the people gave her back her place at the head of the line and shouted to her: "What happened, Carmelina? What did they do to you?"

Carmelina told what had happened and she said: "Did you ever hear of such a light sentence in Adano? I believe in my heart that the Mister Major thought I was right. And what was the meaning of assembling the officials? I believe that he was for me."

In the Major's office, the officials gradually assembled. Some were held-over Fascists, some were new appointments to take the place of Fascists who had fled to the hills. In whispers, and with ample gestures, Gargano described to them the humiliation he had suffered, until Major Joppolo said: "Silence, please."

"Get off the road."

The officials drew up in a circle around the Major's desk. The Major stood up.

"I want you to be my friends," he said. "As my friends, I will consider it my duty to tell you everything I think, for we do not want Adano to be a town of mysteries and a place of suspicion.

"Adano has been a Fascist town. That is natural, because the country was Fascist, therefore the town was also. But now that the Americans have come, we are going to run the town as a democracy.

"Perhaps you do not know what a democracy is. I will tell you.

"Democracy is this: democracy is that the men of the government are no longer the masters of the people. They are the servants of the people. What makes a man master of another man? It is that he pays him for his work. Who pays the men in the government? The people do, for they pay the taxes out of which you are paid.

"Therefore you are now the servants of the people of Adano. I too am their servant. When I go to buy bread, I shall take my place at the end of the line, and I will wait my turn. You too must behave now as servants, not as masters. You must behave as the servant of the man without shoes just as much as of the baron. If I find that any of you are not giving the type of service that I desire, I shall have to remove you from office.

"Remember: you are servants now. You are servants of the people of Adano. And watch: this thing will make you happier than you have ever been in your lives."

On the ninth morning, General Marvin was driving along the road toward Vicinamare and came to the town of Adano. From time to time along the road his driver had had to slow down behind the little Italian two-wheeled carts of the countryside until traffic from the opposite direction had gone by. Then he passed the carts.

As they passed each cart, General Marvin waved his riding crop in such a way as to indicate that the cart should move over. Since there was nothing to move over into except the ditch, which at intervals along the road expanded into tank traps, the carts never did move over. The General grew angrier and angrier.

Now it happened that just as he came to the Fiume Rosso, or Red River, just before Adano, the General's armored car was obliged to slow down for a cart which meandered along right in the center of the road.

The General stood up in his car and shouted in his deep bass voice (you've read about that voice in the supplements; it's famous; one writer said it was like "a foghorn gone articulate"): "Get off the road!"

Unfortunately the driver of the cart was one Errante Gaetano, who earlier that morning had sold three dozen eggs to American soldiers at fourteen times the proper price, had immediately sunk most of his profits in the wine of his friend Mattaliano, and was now sleeping a deep and happy sleep on the seat of his cart. At this particular moment, he was dreaming about eating the nicer parts of a fish nine feet long. Naturally he did not pay much attention to the voice of General Marvin, no matter how famous the voice, because he could not hear it.

General Marvin roared at his driver: "Blow your horn. Blow him off the road."

The driver, a nice boy from Massachusetts, put the heel of his hand on the horn button against his own wish. He was in no hurry, and knew that no matter how fast they went, he would only have to wait when they got wherever they were going.

The mind of Errante did not react to the horn, even though the horn was something urgent called a klaxon. The cart kept right down the middle of the road, inasmuch as Errante's mule was a cautious creature, just as wary of ditches on the right as of ditches on the left. This was a quality in his mule of which Errante Gaetano often boasted to his friends. "Give me none of your lop-sided mules," he would say, "give me a mule with a sense of the middle."

This sense was going to be the undoing of his mule just now, because General Marvin's face was beginning to grow dark, and some veins which have never been described in the supplements began to wriggle and pound on his forehead.

"I've had enough of these carts," the General shouted. He was standing up in the car, waving his riding crop around. "Do they think they're going to stop the invasion with carts?"

Errante slept beautifully. He was coming to the gray part of the fish just under the ribs. It melted in the mouth of his dream. There was, however, a sound of thunder in the distance which made him think perhaps he had better cover the fish and finish eating the nice parts after the rain.

General Marvin roared: "Do these Italians think they're going to stop a bunch of tanks with a bunch of wooden carts?"

Colonel Middleton, the General's Chief of Staff, and Lieutenant Byrd, his aide, could see the violence coming. Lieutenant Byrd looked back along the road, but he couldn't see any bunch of tanks. The only thing he could see that was being held up besides the General's armored car was one seep, or amphibious jeep, which did not seem to be in a hurry.

Here it came. General Marvin shouted: "Throw that cart off the road."

Colonel Middleton, Lieutenant Byrd and the nice boy from Massachusetts ached all over with regret, but there was nothing they could do but obey. The driver stopped the car. The three got out. They held up the seep and enlisted the puzzled aid of three sergeants who were riding in it.

The six men walked forward on the road with the bass aria of General Marvin's anger ringing in their ears. They did not have to run to catch up with the cart. That was another thing about the mule of Errante Gaetano which he liked. The mule was good and slow. "It is a mule," he would say, "which lives in the present and is not always trotting into the future."

Errante stirred in his sleep. The thunder of his dream was the most beautiful and most continuous thunder he had ever heard.

The six men surrounded the cart. Colonel Middleton reached up to waken Errante, but the General's roars grew louder. "What are you doing?" he bellowed. "I told you to throw the thing off the road."

"We were just going to wake this fellow up and get him off first," Colonel Middleton shouted back, but the shout was weak because he knew what the answer would be.

"Serve him right. Throw him too. Just turn the whole thing over."

There was no protest from any of the six men. The only thing which was said was muttered by Lieutenant Byrd: "The old man hasn't been getting enough sleep lately."

Colonel Middleton went to the head of the mule and guided it to the side of the road. He directed the other five men to take positions on the left side of the cart and to lift together when he gave the signal.

General Marvin roared: "Come on, get it over with. What a bunch of softies. Get it over with."

Colonel Middleton gave the signal. The five men lifted.

In his dream, Errante rose up above the nine-foot fish and soared off into space. The sensation was extremely pleasant.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

BOTULISM IS MENACE IN LEFT OVERS

BERKELEY, May 21—Botulism poisoning may develop in left over foods such as non acid fruits and vegetables, which are not kept in the refrigerator but are allowed to stay at room temperature, according to Dr. J. Russel Esty, assistant professor of bacteriology at the Hooper Foundation.

While most people associate botulism poisoning with canned vegetables, cooked uncanned food may develop botulism toxin if it is placed in a jar, sealed, and held over for later use, he points out. The cooking has not destroyed the spores of the botulism organism. Clostridium botulinum, that may have been in the contaminated soil or dust, he explains. If the food is allowed to stand at room temperature, or even in a cooler, toxin may form in a few hours. If the food is kept in the refrigerator, there is no danger. Likewise botulism spores do not devolop unless the jar is sealed; they do not grow where there is plenty of oxygen.

Food from a jar of canned food that has been boiled to make it safe may also sugsequently develop botulism toxin if the left over amount is tightly covered and stored at the room temperature.

Mrs. Eliza Jewell Succumbs in Kansas

The body of Mrs. Eliza Jewell, former resident of Grass Valley, who died in Kansas City May 17th, was received by Holmes and Myers Funeral Home yesterday for burial in the family plot in Grass Valley.

Mrs. Jewell had been making her home with a son, W. H. Jewell, in Kansas City. She was a native of England, aged 75 years. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom have preceded her in death. Surviving her, besides her son, are three sisters, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Dan Ungaro—

Lieut. Dan Ungaro, son of Mrs. Frank Guscetti of Nevada Street left recently for overseas duty in the South Pacific, where he will serve as a bombardier maintenance officer. Just before leaving he was promoted to 1st Lieutentna. He was stationed at Midland Bombardier School for 21 months as an instructor. Ungaro is a graduate of the Nevada City High School. He attended junior college in Sacramento and graduated from the University of California and later was principal of the Sylvan grammar school near Roseville.

His wife, the former Miss Treva Knapp of San Jose accomuanied by her sister Mrs. Elizabeth Giovanetti of San Francisco are now guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guscetti.

James S. Clifford—

By direction of the president, under the provisions of Art. 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to Pfc. Clifford, Company 1, 413th Infantry, U. S. Army, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 13 Apr. 1945, in Germany. Clifford entered military service from Nevada City.

Lieut. Jackson Englebright—

Lieut. and Mrs. Jackson Englebright are visiting Mrs. Grace Englebright, mother of the young naval officer. They arrived Saturday night. Lieut. Englebright wears many campaign ribbons including the one signifying liberation of the Philippines, and also the purple heart for wounds suffered in action.

Four Chapters Honor Worthy Grand Matron, OES

Auburn, Penryn, Colfax and Dutch Flat Chapter OES, met in joint session Friday night at Auburn to honor Lillian W. Podesta, Worthy Grand Matron of the state of California. Those attending from Evangeline Chapter were Worthy Matron Louise Polglase, Worthy Patron Albert Polglase, Josie Martin, Evelyn Young, June Hawke, Doris Foley, Lavina Skeahan, Myrtle St. Hilaire, Lavina Rickard and Mary German.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Buck returned home Thursday after spending several days at their ranch at Orleans Flat.

FARM NEWS

PEAR BLIGHT—Five field meetings for farmers were held last week by H. E. Catlin, county agent, at which control of pear blight was reviewed and demonstrated. It was emphasized that blight appears only where it is allowed to live over the winter somewhere within a half mile of the orchard. The source of infection is most often found in pear trees in or next door to the orchard itself; but it frequently can be found in nearby apples, quinces, loquats, pryacantha, cotoneaster, toyon and hawthorne, where it may live over unnoticed.

Control should be directed at once against the blight that can be reached from the ground without a ladder. First remove only twigs and the branches which show blight 18 inches of less from the main branches. Cut out a patch of bark around the stub and disinfect. After covering the orchard in this way, next cut out other blighted parts that can be reached from the ground. Lastly treat the upper parts of the trees in the same way from a ladder. Make cuts 12 to 18 inches beyond the last sign of blight. Disinfect tools and cut surfaces. The formula for making a disinfectant may be obtained at the Agricultural Extension Service office, 135 Court Street, Auburn.

Supplementary important measures for control are: 1—later inspection of the main branches where the bark has been cut out; 2—fall and winter inspection for cankers above and below ground; 3—one or more Bordeaux sprays of 1-4 1-4 50 to protect blossoms from infection; and 4—an oil spray the middle of January to induce a quick blooming.

Prevent Mildew—Grape growers and victory gardeners who had already applied sulphur for mildew prevention should repeat this operation following the recent rains.

C. E. Scott specialist in plant pathology Agricultural Extension Service, warns that recent applications of sulphur have been washed away by the rains and another application is necessary because moisture iduces mildew at this season of the year.

This applies also to some victory garden crops such as peas. Home gardeners also may have trouble with ornamentals such as roses and delphiniums.

Immediate applications of sulphur will prevent much trouble from mildew.

Insect Enemies From Abroad—Tremendous increase in air born commerce expected after the war will increase the problem of interception of foreign insects and plant diseases which may slip into this country by airplane. Many of these insects crop enemies from abroad may have never been able to survive the long ocean voyage in ships may withstand the shorter travel periods in airplanes.

Plant quarantine inspectors intercepted 1200 foreign insects and the plant diseases coming to this country by airplane during the past two years. Plant quarantine men face the difficult program of devising future ways and means of protecting our crops when airplanes start carrying hitchhiking pests from abroad after the war.

BETTER BUTTER — With most farm homes well supplied at this time of the year with ample amounts of milk and cream, many families would find it profitable to make up extra cream into butter to be stored for later use.

The first requisite for good butter is, of course, good quality, clean flavored milk. In addition certain other factors influence the quality of butter obtained. Proper churning temperature, which varies with the season, long enough churning time, and sufficient washing and working of the butter will improve its texture and flovar. Pasteurizing the cream, by holding it at 150 degrees F. for 30 minutes will destroy many of the strong flavors sometimes found in home made butter and will insure fresh, sweet tasting butter, even after months of storage. Butter that has been made from pasteurized cream can be pickled in a salt brine or kept in freezing storage for several months without changes in flavor.

Detailed directions for pasteurizing the cream, as well as for methods of pickling and storing butter, can be obtained from the Agricultural Extension Service, 135 Court Street, Auburn.

TAX RATE DROPS IN NEV. COUNTY

Nevada county's $1.40 per $100 tax rate for general county purposes for this fiscal year shows a decrease of 10 cents from the $1.50 rate, California taxpayers association stated, analyzing tax rate changes on study of the budgets of the counties for the current fiscal year.

The amount budgeted for salaries and wages in the county made the local county tax rate go up 2 cents for reserves, up 1 cents. Carryover surplus kept the tax rate down 47 cents. Change in valuation caused a decrease of 2 cents.

Other expenditures items affecting the tax rate include aid to the neddy aged and other welfare aid, provisions for maintenance and operation, and bond requirements. In addition, nontax revenues, including subventions from the state and federal governments, as well as provisions for tax delinquency also cause changes in the tax rate which is required to finance the general county government.

Twenty four California counties showed reductions in their property tax rate for general county purposes. The tax rate was reduced in fifty counties, mainly because of the increase in the amount of aid to the needy aged provided by the state.

The county tax rate will not be finally fixed until the first of September and the tax bill will get to the local property owner the first of November but the decisions which will increase or decrease the tax rate and the resultant tax bill are in the making now. How much the county plans to spend for salaries and wages, for capital outlays, for maintenance and operation, how much it sets aside for reserves, how much is left this year for carrypover surplus, how much it plans to provide for welfare purposes, each of these has a direct effect on the tax rate and the tax bill. Local property owners should be an guard today for their interests next fall."

Gas Tax Receipts Are Increasing

SACRAMENTO, May 21—March assessments of oil companies for California gasoline taxes are $305-069 more than they were for the same month a year ago, a gain of 7.43 per cent.

The State Board of Equalization made this comparison today when the board completed its review of March tax returns recently filed, showing distribution of 147,982,863 gallons of gasoline on which a tax of $4,413,215 was assessed. The March 1945, tax returns show an increase of 12.9 per cent over those of February.

At the same time it was reported that California use fuel taxes assessed for March against diesel operated trucks and buses yielded $145,474 a gain of 21.5 per cent over assessments for the same month a year ago, and an increase of 18 per cent over those for February.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Competition

About 25 years ago people in all walks of life began to notice and talk about competition between industries. It was new then and interesting. Before that, competition was understood to exist between people and firms in the same industry—merchant vs. merchant, railroad vs. railroad, sawmill vs. sawmill, etc. But after World War I it was a changed business world, plain to see.

Among the modest newcomers in that remote era was a product called rayon. It was manufactured in the form of yarn, like wool and cotton yarns. The price to weavers was $2.80 a pound against 50¢ for cotton yarn. Last year 55¢ a pound was the price of both rayon and cotton yarns, and rayon was on the market as a fibre, very much like cotton fibre, but less expensive.

Rayon Has Grown

Back in 1919 the American people bought less than 2% as much rayon as cotton. Last year the ratio was 20% and rayon had captured quite a slice of cotton's export demand. Europeans earn less than Americans and they pay more attention to a low price. If it were not for the war using up all both industries can produce rayon would probably be giving cotton some tough competition.

When the war ends these two big industries are faced with a struggle for sales in world markets. It is anybody's guess now how the struggle will turn out, but King Cotton is not licked. The cotton industry is still much bigger; still employs more people than any other American industry. Besides, smart cotton men understand how rayon made its remarkable gains.

Volume and Wages

Rayon started out the American way. It had relatively large investments in machinery. With good tools it turned out large volumes of rayon per worker. On a basis of big results from their day's work the men who worked drew good wages. At the same time large outputs of rayon per man every day made it possible for prices to go lower and lower each year, sales to become bigger and bigger.

Working people in America have a right to live well. When they earn good wages they *do* live well. Money they spend is the very life blood of national prosperity. But before they can earn good pay they have to turn out lots of merchandise per worker. And in order to produce goods in volume they must have good tools. It was a successful plan with rayon and it will work with cotton.

It Costs Something

People say there is a practical cotton picker ready for introduction after the war. It will cost a lot more than one big sack and a string for each member of a share-cropper's family; it will likewise pick more cotton in a day than they can pick in a week. Efficient tools call for capital investment. It means laying out money, but efficient tools are worth it.

People say we will see many mechanical cotton choppers after the war. It is not impossible. This will increase the number of acres of cotton per worker; make more yield per day for every man. The picker and the chopper will create high wages and good living for a lot of people. But rayon can win its war with cotton if cotton tries to stay in the field armed with hoes and gunny-sacks.

AVERAGE AGE OF CARS 8 YEARS

With prospects bright for more gasoline and tires for California motorists shortly, Gordon H. Garland, Director of Motor Vehicles today urged car owners to have thorough inspections made of their vehicles with special emphasis on brakes.

Garland's request followed announcement by Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes that slight increases in A and B card rations may be made in from 30 to 90 days and that more tires will be available for civilian driving.

It was also concurrent with findings by the California Highway Patrol that approximately 12 per cent of 22,000 vehicles checked in the current brake emphasis program in California are being operated with brakes that do not meet requriements of the vehicle code.

"The average age of cars on our highways is now 8 1-2 years," he said. "This means many of them have reached the danger point and should be checked periodically to avoid accidents. Speed should be held down and extra care should be observed in driving to compensate for the additional hazards created by worn equipment."

The estimate of the highway patrol on defective brakes was based on returns received by Chief E. R. Cato from all portions of the state. Only cars stopped for other traffic violations were checked.

MARS' GREAT WINGS SPEED EASTWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21—Long a familiar sight to San Franciscans, the giant flying boat Mars, largest airplane in the world, no longer wings westward from San Francisco on her passenger cargo run to Pearl Harbor—which she completed without incident 136 times. The Mars has flown to an east coast naval air station to begin service as a training ship for crews who will man 28 new Mars. type skyliners now rolling off the assembly lines at the Glenn Martin Aircraft plants.

During her record breaking war time career, the Mars established a number of aviation milestones: The longest over water flight in history, from Maryland to Natal, Brazil, a non stou trip of 4375 miles; greatest air cargo ever carried, 35,000 pounds, on a 1233 mile flight; heaviest load ever lifted by an airplane, 148,500 pounds.

During her San Francisco-Pearl Harbor "tour of duty" the Mars performed air feats for the Naval Air Transport Service that will only be equalled by the new Mars type flying boats coming off the production lines. On her 136 regular trips to the Pacific bastion the Mars carried more than 2,000,000 pounds of cargo and more than 2000 passengers.

The giant Mars requires a 16-man crew and two of the crew are from Northern California. They are Lt. Ronald A. Dumont, USNR, from Fresno, and B. B. Blomberg, Aviation Cheif Machinist's Mate, Alameda, Calif. The ship is commanded by Lt. Com. William E. Coney, USNR, Galtimore, Md.

The Mars is powered by four huge Wright engines, of the type later used so successfully in the Army's B-29 Superforts. From her entrance into the Navy service, the Mars has been "testing" many flight principles and proving the commercial and economic value and possibilities of even larger skyfreighters and skyliners to come when the war is won.

Women's Civic Club Hostess to Tri-County Meet

The Nevada City Women's Civic Club was hostess yesterday to the Tri-County concention of women's clubs in Nevada, Placer and Yuba counties.

The gathering was held in the Elementary School Auditorium, opening at 10 o'clock and a dinner was served at 12:15 p. m.

Mrs. N. A. Merriam of Chico, chairman of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, was chief speaker during the session.

DRUNKEN DRIVER FINED

O. Hensley, pleading guilty when arraigned before Justice of the Peace Charles Morehouse, to driving while intoxicated, was fined $100 and his driving license was suspended.

PERSONALS

Tony Buck a patient at the Nevada City Sanitorium is showing some improvement.

Mrs. Nellie Davis was up from Sacramento this week end to complete the sale of her property in Willow Valley.

Frank Holbrooke, a veteran of World War I who has been at Livermore for several months, is here visiting relatives.

Waldo Smith, county clerk of Siskiyou County spent a few hours in Nevada City Saturday visiting with Mrs. Ida Guenther.

Northern California Peace Officers Meet

The Northern California Peace Officers Association met Friday in the Veterans Memorial Building and heard Edward Fisk, old time member of the U. S. Secret Service, give an illuminating talk on countefeit money.

Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen of Nevada County was host, introducing E. R. Cato, hcief of the California Highway Patrol, Fritz Kaminsky, assistant chief of police in Sacramento, Alva W. Kimerer, sheriff of Sutter County, president of the association, who presided, and others.

Illustrating Fisk's talk on counterfeiting was a movie, showing the difference between good and bad paper money, the devices of counterfeiters and their methods of distributing phoney currency. Fisk told of the first counterfeiting records, beginning in 1700, when printed money was more easily imitated than now.

About 60 were present at the luncheon which was prepared and served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

NEVADA CITY WOMAN GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Maude Nearpass of Nevada City was the guest Friday evening at the meeting of the Union Hill Parent Teachers Association. He topic was Summer Reading for Chrildren.

Mrs. Dorothy Summers provided a musical program for the gathering. Refreshments were served at the close.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

WAGENHOFER-TESTA — In Nevada City, Nevada County, May 17, 1945, Paul F. Wagenhofer Jr., 34, and Helen A. Testa, 34, both of Reno.

California Leads All States in Cow Testing

BERKELEY, May 21—California has the largest number of sows under test of any state in the nation, according to a report of the Bureau of Dairy Industry, it was revealed today.

California with 111,523 cows on test as of Janpary 1, maintained its leadership for the 17th consecutive year, Gordon declared. Pennslyvania in second place had 60,055 cows on test: Wisconsin in third place reported 54,883.

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